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Pomerania

1. Gross Born (R88) troop training area has been completely reconditioned. On 8 October 1947 the barracks were occupied by one motorized rifle brigade; one motor brigade with 100 mm mortars; one armored brigade with T-34's; and one battalion of motor vehicle troops. These troops were being given intensive training in shooting and skirmishing. In the nearby Golliner Wald, two infantry battalions were constructing underground encampments and barbed wire entanglements.
2. Neustettin's (M90) artillery barracks were occupied by a Soviet motorized rifle brigade in October. This unit arrived in early September. All major farms in the area are occupied by Soviet troops, placed in them to secure rations. One Polish infantry division is quartered in Neustettin. Relations between them and Soviet personnel are poor and fights are almost daily occurrences.

Mecklenburg

3. Parchim (T74) was giving training to infantry AT units during October. Weapons employed included 120 mm AT guns, six-barreled mortars (sic), and a new type of heavy infantry weapon of heavy caliber but short range. [No further description given].
4. Russian fishing boats, as well as mine sweepers, recently have been equipped with rapid-fire AA guns. Crews of former German mine sweepers are half Russian and half German.

Magdeburg

5. Stendal (Y85) area received the advance party of a Mongolian rifle division on 2 October. Advance guards were in courier communication with a corps CP and staff in Erfurt. Troops began to arrive in numbers on 28 October. First to arrive in the city of Stendal was a mechanized regiment commanded by Colonel Bobrov. The division is said to be part of the XXVIII Siberian Rifle Corps since 1943 and is led by Genleit Churtzkyev. Immediately upon arrival of the first regiments the troops began exercises in the area of Goldbeck (Y76). The units are equipped with US-type trucks and a new type of four-wheeled tractor with a trailer for 150 mm guns. There has been consistent requisitioning of tires, especially truck tires.

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6. Survey of the Letzlinger Heide appears to have been completed and it is believed the Russians intend using it as an artillery range. It was occupied in late October by guard units in regimental strength. In addition to present ordnance repair shops, the area is to have a large guard installation, now being built by civilian labor. Material for this comes from Altenburg (K27).
7. On 14 October, Soviet troops were observed between the villages of Dolla (Y63), Colbitz (Y62) and Bunkwitz (unlocated), where they were halting overnight. These troops, the observer claims, were part of six massed divisions, chiefly infantry, which he witnessed moving south on the road Salzwedel (Y27)-Stendal-Magdeburg. The troops moved on 15 October, but did not make their appearance on the north approaches to Magdeburg or on the Letzlinger Heide.
8. Soviet military graves in Kreis Haldensleben (Y51) and Wolmirstedt (Y61) are being transferred east of the Elbe, including one cemetery with 470 graves.
9. Construction material, replacement parts and similar items at Letzlingen (Y53) and Hillersleben (Y51) are being shipped to Biederitz (Y60), east of the Elbe.
10. On 12 November, Russian troops and German police began requisitioning cattle in Kreis Haldensleben in advance of the official requisitioning for the first quarter of 1948. At Wedringen (Y51), approximately fifty percent of the village cattle was taken up. The requisitioning did not spare new settlers, although these people were given replacements in the form of weak, lower grade animals.

Halle-Merseburg

11. Annaburg (E66) German refugee camp, which has thirty-two barracks, was suddenly requisitioned /no date given/. According to members of the advance guard, it is to be tenanted by a motorized rifle brigade.
12. Saalfeld (J53) houses one rifle regiment.
13. Naumburg (J89) received "heavy" troop units during October. One informant claims that the city now holds two rifle corps and one armored regiment with motor vehicle troops. Another source believes that total strength in Naumburg is 21,000.

Saxony

14. Leipzig received the following during October, transferred from localities indicated:

Motor vehicle unit, [REDACTED] - from Delitzsch (E13)
 (Dependents of above unit were sent to Frankfurt/Oder)
 MVD unit - from Delitzsch
 Komendatur of Pegau and Croitzsch, two villages near Leipzig.

15. Döbeln (K79) is devoid of troops.
16. Mittweida (K67) has only six Soviet military government officers.
17. Dresden received a motor vehicle equipment unit from Lommatsch (E30) in mid-October. Only thirty men remained at Lommatsch.
18. Polenz (E41) air field is occupied by an armored brigade.
19. Mockau (E21) air field is occupied by 1,500 men, 80 fighter and 30 bomber aircraft. Approximately fifty percent of the planes are of German origin.
20. Riesa (E81) holds one armored brigade and two or three motorized-mechanized brigades, plus artillery. There is a dive bomber unit at the air field. Four JU-87's were seen on the landing strip.
21. Grossenhain (A01) airfield is occupied by a pursuit unit with US and German fighters. Approximately 2,000 soldiers are quartered in the town.

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22. Zeithain (E81) holds an armored brigade whose tanks are housed in the airport hangars.
23. Hoyerswerda (A53) shelters a railroad transport brigade which constantly makes trips to Brest-Litovsk.
24. Niesky (A92) received an armored ordnance repair shop at the end of October.
25. Breslau (C41) has a total of 300 Soviet troops who are members of a transport unit.

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